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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and discussion presented herein.

1. **Preliminary Amendment dated February 25, 2002.**

The Examiner's kind attention is directed to the Preliminary Amendment filed February 27, 2002, in which Claims 9-15 and 19 were cancelled.

2. **Title.**

The Examiner's kind attention is directed to the Request to Correct Filing Receipt filed May 10, 2002, in which the correct title of the application, "VISUAL DISPLAY METHODS FOR USE IN COMPUTER-ANIMATED SPEECH PRODUCTION MODELS," is noted. The USPTO erroneously omitted the term "USE" in its records.

3. **Allowable Subject Matter.**

The Applicant notes with thanks the indicated allowability of Claims 5-8, 16-18, 20-26, and 32-34. It was indicated that these claims would be allowable if put in independent form, including all limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claims 5, 16, and 32 each depend only from Claim 1. Each of these claims is now presented in independent form, containing the limitations of Claim 1. All other claims depend, either directly or indirectly, from Claims 5, 16, and 32.

4. **Specification.**

An amendment is made to the Specification to correct a typographical error. No new matter is added.

5. **Amendments Made Without Prejudice or Estoppel.**

Notwithstanding the amendments made and accompanying traversing remarks provided above, Applicants have made these amendments in order to expedite allowance of the currently pending subject matter. However, Applicants do not acquiesce in the original ground for rejection with respect to the original form of these claims. These amendments have been made without any prejudice, waiver, or

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estoppel, and without forfeiture or dedication to the public, with respect to the original subject matter of the claims as originally filed or in their form immediately preceding these amendments. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original scope of these claims in the future, such as through continuation practice, for example.

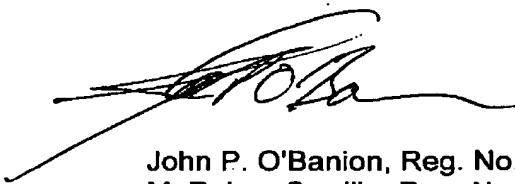
6. Conclusion.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the various grounds for rejection in the Office Action be reconsidered and withdrawn with respect to the presently amended form of the claims, and that a Notice of Allowance be issued for the present application to pass to issuance.

In the event any further matters remain at issue with respect to the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner please contact the undersigned below at the telephone number indicated in order to discuss such matter prior to the next action on the merits of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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